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Re Application of: Shelton et. al.

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For: **LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT CELLULOSE MIXED ESTERS AND THEIR  
USE AS LOW VISCOSITY BINDERS AND MODIFIERS IN COATING  
COMPOSITIONS**

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In Response to the Office Action mailed on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.

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